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## GREAT ENGLISH SHIP SUNK

**Audacious, One of Newest and Best Ships in British Navy, Strikes Mine and Goes Down.**

**ONWARD SWEEP OF RUSSIAN FORCES CONTINUES, AFTER CRUSHING DEFEAT OF AUSTRIAN ARMS — CRACOW, GATEWAY TO SILESIA AND BERLIN, THE DESTINATION—REPORT OF TURKISH INVASION OF RUSSIA AND DEFEAT OF GREAT BEAR AT HANDS OF MOSLEM—TURKISH AND GERMAN SHIPS SUNK — BOTH SIDES CLAIM ADVANTAGE IN WESTERN ARENA OF WAR.**

### 3,000,000 HELD IN RESERVE.

**French Hold Troops Back to March on Worn Out Germans, Says Unconfirmed Dispatch.**

Paris, Nov. 14.—(By mail escaping censor)—The French army numbers six and a-half million instead of three million, as given out. Three million trained and adequately equipped young soldiers, generally under thirty, are held in barracks while the allies are wearing out the Germans, checking them in their furious attacks. The Germans number nearly three million, but their ranks are being fearfully decimated. It is understood that the French army could be expanded to eight million, if a general call was forced.

### Russian Advance Worries Berlin.

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Nov. 14.—Officials today refused to discuss the situation in eastern arena of war but undercurrent uneasiness is apparent as the result of the operations of the Russians. Reports from Russian sources that the enemy has crossed the eastern frontier are discredited and vague hints are given out of German victory expected shortly. The war office stated that German progress in western districts is causing great satisfaction. A Constantinople dispatch states that a two days' battle at Karakalissa, Turkish Armenia, between the Turks and Russians resulted in Russian losses of 8,500 men and the Russians were forced to retreat.

### Allies Closing In.

Paris, Nov. 14.—Canadian troops are now in France participating in the fighting along the line from the North sea to Arras, being rushed secretly from England to reinforce the British forces. The fighting along the entire line has been violent, but has been overshadowed by the intensity of the conflict in the north and in West Flanders. The allies are closing in on three sides and a general advance to storm the German positions is expected at any time. The allies in Belgium are pressing forward foot by foot, fighting hard for every inch, and purchasing every advantage with a heavy price in blood.

### Austrian Cruiser Sunk.

Vienna, Nov. 14.—It was officially announced today that the Austrian cruiser Kaiserin Augusta was sunk off Tsing Tao by her own crew, after her ammunition had been exhausted. The crew entered the garrison and continued in the fighting to the end.

### Turks Invade Russia.

Constantinople, Nov. 14.—It is officially stated today that the Turks have invaded Russia and are striking for the port of Batoun on the Black sea.

**German Cavalry Rushed From Belgium to the Russian Frontier.**

Rotterdam, Nov. 14.—One hundred and thirty-five trains carrying German cavalry from the western to the eastern seat of war have passed through Belgium.

### Egyptian Troops Mutiny.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—A dispatch from Milan states that in fighting near the Suez canal some of the Egyptian troops mutined and many prominent Egyptians have been arrested.

### Cracow Said to Have Been Taken.

London, Nov. 14.—An unconfirmed Rome dispatch states that Cracow has been captured.

### Three Turkish Ships Missing.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—(Wireless)—An official dispatch from Constantinople says that three Turkish transports are missing and are believed to have been sunk by the Russian fleet which is bombarding Soudak.

### Bombs Dropped on Germans.

London, Nov. 14.—Two bombs were dropped upon the German troops in Ostend by aviators on Thursday. They

caused heavy explosion by firing a store of benzine.

### British Dreadnaught Sunk.

New York, Nov. 14.—The British dreadnaught Audacious, one of the newest and most powerful in the English navy has been sunk off the Irish coast, presumably by a mine. A report was received through the mail with a picture of the half submerged ship, despite the rigorous censorship.

### Germans Continue Attacks.

Paris, Nov. 14.—The official statement at 3 this afternoon shows the Germans continuing their attack upon the allies on the front from the North sea to the river Meuse. It declares, however, that the German assaults have been repulsed and the French have made progress near Bixchoote. The Germans were repulsed in an attack upon the bridge at Neuport, and east and south of Ypres.

### Germans Cross Yser.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—It is officially announced that the Germans have captured Steloy, south of Ypres and crossed the Yser canal west of Langemark.

### Austrians Sustain Severe Defeat.

Petrograd, Nov. 14.—Having attacked the Austrians in Galicia, the Russians are sweeping rapidly westward to storm Cracow, the gateway to Silesia and Berlin.

### Try to Stem Russian Advance.

Austro, Nov. 14.—The Germans are fighting desperately to drive back the Russians and have reached the upper Vistula.

### BRITISH NAVAL SUPREMACY GONE.

**Germany Declares It Took the Fleets of Five Nations to Run Down the Emden.**

Berlin, Nov. 13.—(Py Wireless.) The German press, in deploring the loss of the cruiser Emden, destroyed by the Australian cruiser Sydney off Cocos Islands, lays emphasis on the fact that England, to hunt down the Emden, had to call Australian, Japanese Russian and French warships to her assistance. Thus the German navy, the newspapers declare, has destroyed the legend of British naval supremacy.

While the destruction of the Emden it regretted, it has caused no surprise. The general feeling of pride in her record overbalances any sorrow at her end. This regret is offset by the satisfaction experienced over the victory at Dixmund and the other tangible successes reported in yesterday's bulletins.

### TO OPEN RESERVE BANK.

**Quarters in Atlanta Said to Be "Finest in the World."**

Atlanta, Nov. 14.—Preparations are complete for the opening on next Monday of the federal reserve bank which will be located in the recently constructed Hurt building. The banking rooms are declared by J. H. McCord, governor of the bank, to be the most magnificently equipped in the world. "There is nothing in New York or elsewhere to be compared to it," said Gov. McCord.

### TO CHARLESTON HOSPITALS.

**Young Darlington Physicians Receive Appointments.**

Darlington, Nov. 13.—Dr. Oscar Alexander has been appointed to a position on the medical staff of the Frances Xavier of Charleston, and Dr. Walter Bristow has received an appointment in Roper hospital. Both of these young men graduated from the Medical college of Charleston this year and both of them are from Darlington. In fact, they were the only representatives of Darlington in the college.

## MAY AGT FOR NEUTRALITY.

**AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS MAY TAKE CONCERTED ACTION.**

**Preventing Breaches of Law by Across Stations One of the Main Considerations in Question of Neutrality.**

Washington, Nov. 13.—Notes recently presented by Great Britain and France regarding alleged violation of neutrality by Ecuador and Colombia are receiving the serious consideration of state department officials. Secretary Bryan said today he had not yet decided whether the good offices of the American government ought to be interposed.

It is understood the notes do not call directly for any action by the United States, but imply that the South American countries might be invited to follow the example of this government in maintaining neutrality. In South American diplomatic circles it was thought a movement might be initiated either by some South American country or the United States to adopt a uniform regulation of the wireless. The articles of The Hague convention and the Declaration of London, the latest rulings in international law, do not deal specifically with that question. The United States has taken an advanced ground in prohibiting transmission by American stations to ships at sea. The Chilean ambassador today gave Mr. Bryan a copy of a speech by Manuel Salinas, foreign minister, replying to rumors that Chile was violating neutrality. The minister suggested a possible conference among the nations of this hemisphere on the wireless question and other new phases of neutrality.

The possibility that the United States might take the initiative in calling such a conference was widely discussed here today, but State department officials were silent.

Neither Great Britain nor France has indicated the exact scope of their representations to Ecuador and Colombia, but there is every reason to believe their inclination not to tolerate such a breach of neutrality is quite definitely set forth.

### MANY THOUSANDS LOST.

**British Casualties to October 31 About 57,000.**

London, Nov. 13.—The British casualties in the war up to October 31 were approximately 57,000 men of all ranks. This estimate was given by Premier Asquith in the house of commons today in reply to a question by Edward T. John, member of the house from East Denbighshire.

Mr. John also desired information as to the government's proposals as to the final conditions of peace, the effective establishment of international law, the cessation of competitive military expenditure and so forth.

Premier Asquith in reply gave the British casualties and added that he was not in a position to estimate the losses of the other allied powers or those of the enemy. He referred Mr. John to his recent speeches on the other questions raised.

### RATE FOR REDISCOUNT.

**Not More Than Six Nor Less Than Five—To Vary in Different Sections.**

Washington, Nov. 13.—After long consideration the federal reserve board tonight decided that rates to be charged by the 12 federal reserve banks for rediscounting commercial paper should be not greater than 6 and not less than 5 per cent. These rates will obtain when the banks open for business Monday. They can be changed by the board later if they prove unsatisfactory. The rate will not be uniform. The board decided not to make its decision public until tomorrow and the rates to be charged in each of the various districts were not disclosed. It was understood, however, that the rate would be lower in districts where money is easy, possibly in New York, Boston and Chicago.

The board decided to favor a preferential rate one-half per cent. lower than the ordinary rate for all paper having a maturity of not more than 30 days. This was understood to have been suggested by some of the banks. The idea of a preferential rate is in keeping with the board's announced policy of having each reserve bank keep its rediscounting paper in such shape that practically one-third of it will be liquidated each 30 days.

### Ohio Has Strict Quarantine.

Columbus, Nov. 14.—The entire State of Ohio is quarantined today in an effort to check the spread of the foot and mouth disease. The quarantine absolutely prohibits all movement of cattle.

## ASK LOWER RATES ON GRAIN.

**CHARLESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BROACHES MATTER.**

**Railroad Commission Takes Question up With Three Principal Railways of State.**

Columbia, Nov. 14.—Movement for a reduction of rates on grain from South Carolina points to Charleston and other Atlantic ports has been launched by the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, through its president, B. F. McLeod. It is probable that a conference will be held in Columbia at an early date to consider the proposed reduction.

"We feel that your suggestion in regard to rate on grain from points in South Carolina to Atlantic ports is a good one and we are sending copy of your letter to the trunk lines of the State," says the chairman, J. G. Richards, in a letter to the Charleston organization. "We also feel that great good many result from a conference, as proposed by you, and at a convenient date in the not distant future we will try to arrange for this conference and invite all interested parties to be present. The commission thanks you for the suggestion your letter contains."

"The commission will be glad if you will give this question your favorable consideration and inform us promptly as to your attitude in regard to the same," says a letter by the commission to the officials of the three leading railways in South Carolina.

### LIMESTONE RATES EXCESSIVE.

**Commissioner Watson Asks Leading Railways to Consider Lowering Freight Charges.**

Columbia, Nov. 14.—"The free use of the material is largely hampered by the lack of even a reasonable railroad freight rate on ground limestone," says Commissioner Watson of the State department of agriculture. In a letter addressed to the presidents of the leading railways in South Carolina asking that the question of rates on ground limestone be given consideration. He points out that the farmers are in great need of limestone for the cultivation of grain crops.

### ARMY SHORT OF AMMUNITION.

**Report of Chief Ordnance Officer Gives Interesting Details of Service in United States.**

Washington, Nov. 13.—While admitting that scientific management of government arsenal work is not liked by many labor organizations, and that bills intended to stop it have been favorably reported by some congressional committees, Gen. William Crozier, chief of ordnance of the army, in his annual report submitted today, declared that with the extension of the system, now proceeding its advantages have continued and increased. At the Watertown arsenal he shows that some classes of employees received 29.27 per cent. of their daily wages as additional bonuses. Gen. Crozier scouts the idea that the scientific system involves the undesirable hurrying of men to moral and physical detriment. He states that the subject has now been taken up by the commission on industrial relations and adds that it seems strongly desired that congress shall not take action until it has received the commission's report.

Of the 261 batteries of field artillery required for a mobile army of 450,000 officers and enlisted men in the continental United States in case of war with a first class power, 212 batteries are now in possession of the regular army or organized militia, in ordnance establishments, under manufacture, or about to be manufactured under appropriations. The amount of ammunition available for the field guns, however, is far short of that considered advisable the report states.

A semi-automatic shoulder rifle has been developed at the Springfield armory which has been giving promising results and if the price is satisfactory some will be procured for larger tests.

By reducing the bursting charge and the armor piercing powers of the 12-inch mortar shells these great coast defense weapons have been given the extraordinary range of 20,000 yards, thus meeting the tendency to the use of increased ranges from ships' guns.

New York, Nov. 14.—The United States ship Jason, "The Christmas ship," sailed today for the European war zone carrying toys, children's, women's and men's clothing, food and miscellaneous supplies. An immense crowd cheered the departure of the ship.

## SOLDAU FALLS TO RUSSIANS

**Successes of Czar's Forces in East Prussia and Poland.—They Continue to Advance.**

**THREE BRITISH CRUISERS REPORTED DISABLED OFF BELGIAN COAST—MORE DYKES CUT ALONG YSER CANAL — TURKS SAID TO HAVE DRIVEN RUSSIANS BACK IN CRUSHING DEFEAT—SNOW STOPS FIGHTING TEMPORARILY ON FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT—JAPANESE WARSHIPS SEEN OFF SOUTH AMERICA.**

### British Army Reinforced.

Paris, Nov. 16.—Twenty-five thousand of the service, passed toward the front today. A raging blizzard and floods are sweeping the battlefields in West Flanders, where the allies and Germans continued the mighty struggle today. Twelve hundred square miles north of the Yser river and south of the Yser canal are inundated. Late reports state the floods have cut off a portion of the German army around Dixmunde. Soldiers burning with fever are fighting in the icy slush filled trenches. The roads are practically impassable. Many of the soldiers are dying from exposure.

tain, arrived today, reports that they saw the Japanese battleship Hsien and a two hundred miles west of the coast. It is believed they were searching for the German warship that recently defeated the British squadron.

### Blizzard in England.

London, Nov. 16.—A blizzard, with foot of snow, is raging over England today.

### British Vessels Sunk.

Mitylene, Nov. 16.—It is reported that several British vessels have been sunk in the Persian gulf by Turkish river boats.

### Turkish Town Bombarded.

Athens, Nov. 16.—French warships bombarded Foggia Nova and Deverbournos (Turkish towns) on the coast of Asia Minor Sunday. Both towns are in flames.

### MULLINS MAN KILLED.

**B. D. Strickland Dies of Wounds Received at Hands of Frank Price.**

Mullins, Nov. 15.—B. D. Strickland, a prominent merchant of Mullins, succumbed today to wounds inflicted by Frank Price in a shooting affray which occurred near the city about 7 o'clock last night. The instrument used was a .41 calibre pistol, from which five shots were fired, three of them taking effect, one of them piercing his thigh, another the liver and the other perforating his intestines.

The shooting is said to have grown out of an altercation occurring on the principal street. The two men were neighbors. Mr. Strickland was a prominent merchant and has considerable farming interests in Marion and adjoining counties. Frank Price is thought to have caught the northbound train at 8 o'clock this morning at Latta, where he drove last night.

Mr. Strickland drove to his home and was met in the front yard by Price, who approached within several paces. It is said that before Mr. Strickland had descended from the buggy five pistol shots were fired, and he fell from his seat in the buggy to the ground, bruised and bleeding.

Other persons were standing by the buggy when the shots were fired. The shots came in such rapid succession that no one tried to stop Price. The shooting was followed by much confusion. Some tried to conceal the news from Mrs. Strickland, but she had heard the shots and upon reaching the front yard became panic stricken. Physicians were summoned and upon examination of the wounds decided to rush him off to a hospital. A successful effort was made to hold the passenger train, which waited 25 minutes. Mr. Strickland was placed on a cot and carried to the station, and was accompanied by relatives and friends to a hospital in Wilmington.

The physicians there agreed that life was too far gone and at 1 o'clock this afternoon he died without being operated upon. His body will be brought here tomorrow morning. Mr. Strickland was well known throughout this section of the State by reason of the large volume of business and farming interests. He was the head of the firm of D. E. Strickland & Co., a merchandise and clothing business of Mullins, which has been operating successfully for many years. He was prominently connected with fraternal organizations, being a member of the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Masons and Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Strickland is survived by his wife and young child. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock and interment will be made in Miller's cemetery.

### Stock Yards Reopen.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—The Union Stock yards reopened this morning. Prices averaged 46 cents per hundred higher.

### Austrians Capture City.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—It is unofficially reported at Budapest that the Austrians have captured Obrenovac, Serbia, by storm.

### Turks Defeat Russians.

Constantinople, Nov. 16.—The complete defeat of the Russians in the Caucasus by the Turks is officially announced today.

### Japs on the Hunt.

Callao, Nov. 16.—The steamer Cap-